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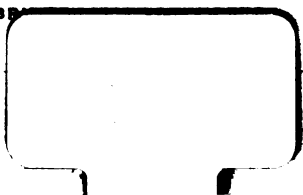
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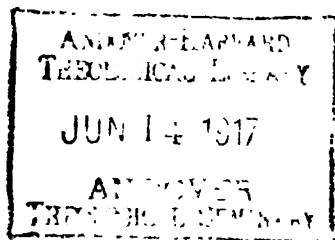
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1. ATONEMENT

But we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement.—Rom. 5. 11.

I. Its Nature.—1. An offering by Divinity. Human or angelic sacrifice could not atone for man's sins. 2. An offering of choice, not necessity. Christ could have called twelve legions of angels and avoided death.

II. Its Purpose.—1. Release from guilt of sin. 2. Cleansing from corruption of sin. 3. Eternal salvation.

III. Its Conditions.—1. Repentance. 2. Consecration. 3. Believing prayer. 4. Obedience.

2. ACQUAINTANCE WITH GOD

Acquaint now thyself with him, and be at peace, thereby good shall come unto thee.—Job 22. 21.

I. How to Become Acquainted With God.—1. Put off garments of sin. 2. Seek introduction by Christ. 3. Have frequent communion with God.

II. Benefits of Acquaintance With God.—1. Divine favor. 2. Divine image. 3. Divine blessings.

III. Time to Become Acquainted With God.—1. Some wait to be older. 2. Some to get better. 3. Some wait for more feeling. God's time is NOW! See text.

3. AEROPLANES OF SALVATION

For thus saith the Lord: Behold he shall fly as an eagle.—Jer. 48. 40.

I. Their Construction.—1. Frame of truth (unbendable and unbreakable). 2. Wings of faith. 3. Helm of love. 4. Motive power, electricity of Holy Spirit.

II. Their Flights.—1. In atmosphere of divine grace. 2. High as eagles, above fogs of doubt, mists of skepticism, bogs of sin, clouds of worldliness.

4. ALMOST CHRISTIANS

Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian.—Acts 26. 28.

I. Hope for the Almost Christian.—1. He has faith in Christian doctrine. 2. He is drawn toward Christian life. 3. He is open to Christian influences.

II. Difficulties of the Almost Christian.—1. His sinful nature. 2. Evil associates. 3. Sinful habits. 4. Fear of men.

III. Dangers of the Almost Christian.—1. Grieving Holy Spirit. 2. Hardening his heart. 3. Losing soul.

5. ANGEL FACE OF CHRISTIANITY

And all that sat in the council, looking steadfastly on him, saw his face as it had been the face of an angel.—Acts 6. 15.

I. No Anger on Angel Face.—Much to provoke it.

II. No Fear on Angel Face.—World needs fearless Christianity.

III. No Remorse on Angel Face.—Good conscience Christianity.

IV. Intelligence in Angel Face.—Wisdom of Stephen. Acts 6. 10.

V. Piety in Angel Face.—Full of Holy Ghost. Acts 6. 3.

VI. Joy in Angel face.—See context.

6. APOSTASY

But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition.—Heb. 10. 39.

I. Cause of Apostasy.—1. Not because sin is irresistible. 2. Not the force of circumstance. 3. Not failure of divine grace. 4. Not because Satan has more power than God. 5. It is a willful turning from righteousness to sin.

II. Consequences of Apostasy.—1. Divine displeasure. 2. Unhappy life. 3. Banishment to perdition. Text.

III. Remedy for Apostasy.—1. Repentance. 2. Confession. 3. Prayer. 4. Resumption of duty.

7. ATTRACTION OF THE CROSS

And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me.—John 12. 32.

I. Its Nature.—1. A spiritual gravitation. 2. A magnetic power. Ill., Lodestone.

II. Its Cause.—1. Innocent sufferer. 2. Voluntary suffering. 3. Divine sufferer. 4. Atoning sufferer.

III. Its Extent.—1. All drawn. 2. None compelled. 3. Counter attractions of sin. 4. Wonderful power of cross in world.

8. AUTHORITY AND PROFIT OF SCRIPTURES

All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for cor-

rection, for instruction in righteousness.—2 Tim. 3. 16.

I. Authority of Scripture.—1. Superior to reason. 2. Science. 3. Conscience. 4. Church.

II. Profit of Scripture.—1. For doctrine. 2. Reproof. 3. Correction. 4. Instruction in righteousness. 5. Warns against sin and guides to heaven.

9. BLESSED DEAD

Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord.—Rev. 14. 13.

I. Time of Blessedness.—(A) Begins at death. 1. Christ on cross. 2. Stephen when stoned. 3. Beggar in Abraham's bosom.

(B) Continues to eternity.

II. Nature of Blessedness.—(A) Absence of all evil. 1. Toil. 2. Care. 3. Suffering. 4. Bereavement. (B) Presence of all good. 1. Christ. 2. Saints. 3. Angels. 4. Worship. 5. Praise.

10. BLINDNESS OF SIN

Lord, that I might receive my sight.—Mark 10. 51.

I. Nature of Sin Blindness.—1. Sin shuts out light of soul. Ill., Cataract.

II. Christ Alone Can Cure.—Is he passing by the last time?

III. Blind Must Lay Aside Garments of Sin.

IV. Blind Must Cry for Help.—See context.

V. Blind Must Go to Christ.—See context.

VI. Disciples Must Help to Christ.—Ill., Disciples' discouragement.

VII. Christ Willingly Stops to Heal Blind.—See context.

11. CAPITAL AND LABOR

Is it not lawful for me to do what I will with mine own?—Matt. 20. 15.

I. Rights of Laborers.—1. To work or refuse to work. 2. To work as many hours as they choose. 3. To work for whom they choose. 4. To work for wages they choose. 5. To organize unions. 6. To refuse to organize unions. 7. To receive humane treatment.

II. Rights of Capitalists.—1. To control their own property. 2. To manage their own business. 3. To employ whom they choose. 4. To refuse to employ whom they choose. 5. To pay only such wages as business justifies.

12. CERTAINTIES IN RELIGION

Verily, verily, I say unto thee, we speak that we do know and testify that we have seen.—John 3. 11.

I. Our Sinfulness a Certainty.—1. From Scripture. 2. From consciousness.

II. Our Repentance a Certainty.—1. Personal consciousness. 2. Dislike of sin.

III. Our Pardon a Certainty.—1. Promises. 2. Burden gone.

IV. Our Conversion a Certainty.—1. Promise. 2. Love of good and dislike of sin. 3. Christlike spirit. 4. Spirit's witness.

V. Our Heavenly Home a Certainty.—1. Divine promise. 2. Dying testimonies.

13. CHAINS OF SIN

And now, behold, I loose thee this day from the chains which were upon thine hand.—Jer. 40. 4.

I. Chains of Sin Bind All Men.—1. Chains of

sinful passion. 2. Appetites. 3. Habits. 4. Ambitions.

II. Chains of Sin Removed by Divine Power (Text).—1. Sinners cannot break them. 2. Preachers, priests, or popes cannot remove them.

III. Conditions of Removal of Chains of Sin.—1. Penitence. 2. Confession. 3. Faith. 4. Prayer.

14. CHARIOTS OF CHRISTIAN OPPORTUNITY

Go near and join thyself to this chariot.—Acts 8. 29.

I. Chariots of Opportunity Pass All.—1. Some do not look. 2. Some look too high. 3. Some look too far away. 4. Some are blinded by sin.

II. Chariots of Opportunity Are Providential.—See context.

III. Chariots of Opportunity Pass Quickly.—See context.

IV. Chariots of Opportunity Bring Blessings.—1. Personal experience. (See text.) 2. Salvation for others.

15. CHARACTER BUILDING

As a wise master-builder, I have laid the foundation and another buildeth thereon.—1 Cor. 3. 10.

I. Nature of Character.—1. It is the sum of all qualities. Not reputation, that is its shadow. Not conduct, that is its fruits. 2. Good character consists of love, faith, humility, patience, piety, etc. 3. Bad character consists of hatred, envy, jealousy, etc.

II. Building of Character.—1. Bad character

by human and satanic cooperation. 2. Good character by human and divine cooperation.

III. Results of Character.—1. Good character leads to heaven, and tends to make heaven. 2. Bad character leads to hell, and tends to make hell.

16. CHARACTER AND CURE OF NAAMAN

Wash and be clean.—2 Kings 5. 13.

I. His Character as Typical of Sinners.—1. He was popular. ("A great man.") 2. He was honorable. 3. He was valiant. 4. He was disgraced by leprosy. It was progressive and incurable.

II. His Cure as Typical of Sinners.—1. He expected cure by forms and ceremonies. 2. He was willing to do some great thing. 3. He became willing to be healed in God's way; so must sinners. 4. He was grateful for cure; so the sinner.

17. CHEERFUL GIVERS

God loveth a cheerful giver.—2 Cor. 9. 7.

I. Hindrances to Cheerful Giving.—1. Our limited resources. 2. Worldly greed. 3. Distrust of God. 4. Lack of Christlike zeal. 5. Ignorance of church enterprises.

II. Motives for Cheerful Giving.—1. Divine approval. 2. Human approval. 3. Good accomplished. 4. Satisfaction felt. 5. Heavenly reward.

18. CHILD LEADERS

And a little child shall lead them.—Isa. 11. 6.

I. In Christian Knowledge.—1. Because of Sunday-school training. 2. Anxiety to learn. 3. Confiding nature. 4. Freedom from doubts.

II. In Christian Experience.—1. Because of childlike faith. 2. Full submission. 3. Fearlessness. 4. Humility.

III. In Christian Usefulness.—1. By influence on companions. 2. By fervor for Christ's cause. 3. By convincing piety. 4. By untiring efforts.

19. CHRIST THE PASCAL LAMB

Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.—John 1. 29.

I. As to His Nature.—1. Perfect, without blemish. 2. Innocent. 3. Meek. 4. Resigned.

II. As to Manner of His Offering.—1. Separated four days. 2. Slain without city. 3. Without breaking of bones (John 19. 36). 4. On fourteenth day of Nisan.

III. As to Purpose of His Offering.—1. Pardoned sin. 2. Heart purity. 3. Christian usefulness. 4. Heavenly reward.

20. CHRIST OUR HIGH PRIEST

For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities.—Heb. 4. 15.

I. As Priest He Reveals God's Will.—1. Scope of revelation. 2. Authority of revelation.

II. As Priest He Made Sacrifice.—1. Lamb without blemish. 2. Without the gate. 3. Once for all. 4. The whole world.

III. As High Priest He Intercedes. "Ever liveth to make intercession."—1. Sympathizes with us. 2. Has influence with God.

21. CHRIST THE GOOD SHEPHERD

I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine.—John 10. 14.

I. He Knows His People.—1. Individually.
2. Perfectly.

II. He Leads His People.—1. By call. 2. Influence. 3. Safely.

III. He Supplies the Wants of His People.—
1. Nourishment. 2. Water of Life. 3. Abundantly.

IV. He Protects His People.—1. By shielding from Satan the "Roaring Lion." 2. By gathering into his fold, the church.

22. CHRIST THE BRIDEGROOM

Behold the Bridegroom cometh; Go ye out to meet him.—Matt. 25. 6.

I. Manner of His Coming.—1. Suddenly. 2. Unexpectedly (1 Thess. 5. 2). 3. Certainly.

II. Purpose of His Coming.—1. Celestial wedding or union of Christ and his church. 2. Journey to celestial city. 3. Wedding feast in heaven.

III. Preparation for His Coming.—1. Wedding garment of spotless character. 2. The spiritual lamp of Christian devotion.

23. CHRIST THE SIN PHYSICIAN

Is there no balm in Gilead, is there no Physician there?—Jer. 8. 22.

I. Sin As a Disease.—1. Lethargy. 2. Deranged appetite. 3. Fever of evil passion. 4. Deception. Ill., Consumption. 5. Destroys moral power. 6. Leads to eternal death.

II. Christ As a Physician.—1. Has highest authority—diploma from heaven. 2. Perfect knowledge of patient, disease, and remedy. 3. Always accessible. 4. Never fails to cure. 5. Gives perfect cures.

24. CHRIST OUR KING

Where is he that is born King of the Jews?—
Matt. 2. 2.

I. The Purpose of Our King.—1. Establish a spiritual kingdom. 2. Invite all into that kingdom.

II. Our Duty to Our King.—1. Obedience. 2. Worship. 3. Work for his kingdom. 4. Contribute to his government.

III. Seeking Christ Our King.—1. Through the Word of God. (See context.) 2. By human counsel (as wise men). 3. By divine guidance. Ill., Star of Bethlehem.

25. CHRIST BEFORE OUR DOOR

Behold, I stand before the door and knock.—
Rev. 3. 20.

I. Purpose of His Coming Into Our Hearts.—1. Not to destroy freedom, personal rights, etc. 2. To bring peace and happiness. 3. To bring everlasting reward.

II. Conditions of His Coming Into Our Hearts.—1. Open door and welcome him. 2. Put sin out of hearts. (No idols.) 3. Live in accord with his teaching. 4. Promote his cause.

26. CHRIST IN THE HOME

This day is salvation come to this house.—
Luke 19. 9.

I. Conditions of Christ's Coming Into Home.—1. Not barred by riches. 2. Public prejudice. 3. Personal infirmities. 4. Opposing multitude. 5. Requires putting away sin, restitution for wrong, and cordial welcome.

II. Benefits of Christ in the Home. He Brings: 1. Love. 2. Harmony. 3. Hope. 4. Happiness.

27. CHRIST'S LOVE OF CHURCH

Christ also loved the church and gave himself for it.—Eph. 5. 25.

I. Its Extent.—All the church, not one sect or class.

II. Its Purpose.—1. Purification. 2. Sanctification.

III. Its Sacrifice.—1. Life of humiliation. 2. Persecution. 3. Toil. 4. Suffering.

IV. Its Expectations.—1. Our love of Christ and his church. 2. Our obedience to requirements of church. 3. Our support of his church.

28. CHRIST'S FINISHED LIFE WORK

He said, It is finished, and bowed his head and gave up the ghost.—John 19. 30.

I. Christ's Teaching Was Finished.—1. Marvelous teachings. 2. Influence upon world, etc.

II. Christ's Miracles Were Finished.—1. Miracles of creation. 2. Destruction. 3. Healing. 4. Resurrection.

III. Christ's Suffering Was Finished.—1. Wearisome journeys. 2. Sorrow in garden. 3. Trials before officials. 4. Journey to Calvary. 5. Death on cross.

29. CHRIST'S CALL

Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.—Matt. 11. 28.

I. Extent of Christ's Call. "All."—1. None too poor. 2. Ignorant. 3. Sinful. 4. Young. 5. Old.

II. Authority of Christ's Call.—1. All are his by creation. 2. Preservation. 3. Redemption.

III. Excuses for Rejecting Christ's Call.—1. Social reasons. 2. Educational reasons. 3. Business reasons.

IV. Motives for Harkening to Christ's Call.

- 1. Christ bears our burdens. 2. Rest to the soul. 3. Happiness in life. 4. Usefulness in life. 5. Eternal life.

30. CHRISTIAN ARMOR

Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.—Eph. 6. 11.

- I. Its Nature.**—1. Helmet of salvation. 2. Breastplate of righteousness. 3. Girdle of truth. 4. Shield of faith. 5. Sword of spirit.

II. Its Necessity.—1. Necessary to Christian boldness. 2. Christian stability. 3. Victory over the wiles of Satan.

31. CHRISTIAN BOLDNESS

Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.—Heb. 4. 16.

I. Hindrance to Christian Boldness.—1. Natural timidity. 2. Sense of unworthiness. 3. Distrust.

II. Helps to Christian Boldness.—1. God's promises. 2. Intercessions of Christ. 3. Baptism of Holy Spirit.

III. Benefits of Christian Boldness.—1. Obtain mercy. 2. Find grace for every need.

32. CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Upon this rock will I build my church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.—Matt. 16. 18.

I. Its Foundation.—1. Divine Christ. 2. Solid as rock. 3. Durable as rock.

II. Its Design.—1. Spiritual home. 2. Safe-guard. 3. Help to devotion. 4. Facilities for usefulness.

III. Its Triumphs.—1. Over early persecutions. 2. Inquisitions. 3. Modern infidelity.

33. CHRISTIAN COURAGE

Let us go up at once and possess it; for we are well able to overcome it.—Num. 13. 30.

I. Its Hindrances.—1. Temptation. 2. Doubts. 3. Fear. 4. Disappointments.

II. Its Helps.—1. Courageous leaders. 2. Divine promises. 3. Baptism of Holy Ghost.

III. Its Importance.—1. Necessary to happiness. 2. Usefulness. 3. Divine favor. 4. Future reward.

34. CHRISTIAN CONFIDENCE

Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompense of reward.—Heb. 10. 35.

I. Nature of Christian Confidence.—1. In divine truth. 2. In personal salvation. 3. In sustaining grace. 4. In heavenly reward.

II. How Christian Confidence is Cast Away.—1. By neglect of duty. 2. By willful transgression.

III. Folly of Casting Away Christian Confidence.—1. Because of its recompense. (Text.) 2. Because there is nothing that will take its place.

35. CHRISTIAN EXPERIENCE

Go home to thy friends, and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee.—Mark 5. 19.

I. Greatness of Christian Experience.—1. Conviction of sin. 2. Courage to come to Christ. 3. Breaking the power of sin. 4. Making new creature in Christ.

II. Reasons for Telling Experience.—1. Divine command. 2. Lead others to Christ. (Context.) 3. Add to own happiness.

III. Manner of Telling Experience.—1. In humility. 2. Prayerfully. 3. Fearlessly.

36. CHRISTIAN FRUITFULNESS

Herein is my Father glorified that ye bear much fruit.—John 15. 8.

I. Condition of Christian Fruitfulness.—1. We must be ingrafted into Christ. 2. Constant nourishment through Christ. 3. Pruning to check tendency to leaves of formality.

II. Importance of Christian Fruitfulness.—1. Necessary to fullness of Christian experience. 2. Necessary to continuance of divine favor. (See context.) 3. Necessary to our future reward. (See context.)

37. CHRISTIAN HOPE

The righteous hath hope in his death.—Prov. 14. 32.

I. Its Nature.—1. Desire. 2. Expectations. 3. Confidence.

II. Its Extent.—1. As to resurrection of body. 2. As to salvation of the soul.

III. Its Foundation. (A) As to the body.—1. Christ's promises. 2. Christ's resurrection. (B) As to the soul.—1. Divine promises. 2. Christ committing spirit to God on cross. 3. Stephen commending spirit to Christ at death.

38. CHRISTIAN INHERITANCE

And if children then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ.—Rom. 8. 17.

I. Conditions of Christian Inheritance.—1. Repentance for sin. 2. Consecration to God. 3. Justification by faith. 4. Adoption into heavenly family.

II. Nature of Christian Inheritance.—1. It is a valuable inheritance consisting of a crown of glory and heavenly mansion. 2. It is a durable inheritance “which fadeth not away.”

39. CHRISTIAN JOURNEY

We are journeying unto the place of which the Lord said I will give it you. Come then with us and we will do thee good.—Num. 10. 29.

I. From Bondage of Sin.—1. Start through choice. 2. By divine help and guidance.

II. Through Wilderness of Life to Heaven.—1. Divine leadership. 2. Support. 3. Protection.

III. Invitation to Go.—1. By church. 2. By God's Word. 3. By Holy Spirit through conscience.

IV. Good Promised.—1. Release from bondage of sin. 2. Guidance and grace for journey. 3. Heavenly reward.

40. CHRISTIAN LIGHT

Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven.—Matt. 5. 16.

I. Its Nature.—1. As to radiating power. 2. As to its compound nature: Ill., Seven colors of rainbow. 3. As to velocity.

II. Its Source.—1. Sun is chief source of natural light. 2. God only source of spiritual light.

III. Its Benefits.—1. Dispels moral darkness. 2. Gives spiritual life and growth. Ill., Nature.

IV. Its Hindrances.—1. Eclipse of sin. 2. Some think too small to shine. 3. Some by cares of life.

41. CHRISTIAN PERFECTION

Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrines of Christ, let us go on unto perfection.—Heb. 6. 1.

I. Its Nature. (A) What it is not: 1. Not Adamic perfection. 2. Not angelic. 3. Not divine. 4. Not above temptation. 5. Not infallible. 6. Not above possible apostasy. 7. Not beyond progress. (B) What it is: 1. Perfect love. 2. Perfect consecration. 3. Perfect resignation. 4. Holy living.

II. Its Attainment.—1. Possible to all. 2. Instantaneous blessings. 3. Gradual development.

42. CHRISTIAN RACE

Let us run with patience the race that is set before us.—Heb. 12. 1.

I. Its Conditions.—1. Submit to rules of the gospel race. 2. Lay aside the weights of worldly care. 3. Lay aside our besetting sins (constitutional, educational, avocational). 4. Run with patience. 5. Looking unto Jesus.

II. Its Motive.—1. The crowd of witnesses on earth and in heaven. 2. The crown of life which is incorruptible and fadeth not away. 3. Possibility of all winning.

43. CHRISTIAN SOLDIER

Thou therefore endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.—2 Tim. 2. 3.

I. His Call.—1. It is divine. 2. Universal. 3. No exemptions. 4. No substitutes.

II. His enlistment.—1. Voluntary. 2. For life; no ninety-day men wanted.

III. His Motives.—1. Patriotism for God's kingdom. 2. Promotion of God's cause.

IV. His Achievements.—1. Put down rebellion of sin. 2. Establish Christ's reign of peace.

V. His Emoluments.—1. Bounty of grace. 2. Daily pay. 3. Honorable discharge. 4. Homestead in Canaan.

44. CHRISTIAN TALENT

And unto one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one.—Matt. 25. 15.

I. Their Nature.—All gifts and opportunities of life.

II. Their Value.—1. Silver talent, \$1,800; gold talent, \$24,300, indicating great value of our talents.

III. Their Increase.—1. Dependent upon use. 2. Possibility of doubling talents.

IV. Their Reward.—1. Not according to number possessed. 2. Not according to number gained. 3. According to our faithfulness, not usefulness. Owners of two talents and five received same reward. (See context.)

45. CHRISTIAN SERVICE AND REWARD

If any man serve me, him will my Father honor.—John 12. 26.

I. Nature of Christian Service.—1. Volunteer. 2. Cheerful. 3. Undivided. 4. Faithful. 5. Constant.

II. Reward of Christian Service.—1. Divine comfort. 2. Adoption into family. 3. Divine protection. 4. Divine support. 5. Heavenly reward.

46. CHRISTIAN VOYAGE

He maketh the storm a calm so that the waters thereof are still.—Psa. 107. 29.

I. The Oceans of Life.—1. Turbulent Atlantic of sin. 2. Calm Pacific of righteousness. 3. Connected by Panama of repentance.

II. The Ship of Zion.—1. Oldest ship. 2. Safest ship. 3. Best Captain, Christ. 4. Best chart, God's Word. 5. Best compass, Holy Spirit. 6. Best passengers, God's people. 7. Best rates, free salvation.

47. CHRISTIAN ZEAL

But it is good to be zealously affected always in a good thing.—Gal. 4. 18.

I. Objects of Christian Zeal.—1. Not proselyting. 2. For salvation of souls. 3. Upbuilding of church.

II. Benefits of Christian Zeal.—1. Personal happiness. 2. Growth in grace. 3. Prosperity of church. 4. Heavenly reward.

III. Duration of Christian Zeal.—1. With some it ends when it begins, at conversion. 2. With some it ends with the revival. 3. With some it lasts always. (See text.)

48. CHRISTIAN UNITY

Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity.—Psa. 133. 1.

I. Its Nature.—1. Being one in purpose and aim. 2. Working in harmony. 3. Manifesting Christian courtesy and good will.

II. Its Importance.—1. It is good and pleasant. 2. Necessary to convict sinners. 3. Necessary to great success in Christian work. 4. Necessary to secure divine co-operation.

49. CHRIST-LIKE SPIRIT

Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.—Rom. 8. 9.

I. Its Nature.—1. Love. 2. Devotion. 3. Compassion. 4. Forgiveness. 5. Zeal. 6. Courage. 7. Resignation.

II. Its Attainment.—1. Repentance. 2. Regeneration. 3. Obedience. 4. Prayer.

III. Its Importance.—1. To peace. 2. Happiness. 3. Usefulness. 4. Future reward.

50. CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above.—Jas. 1. 17.

I. Christmas Time Spirit.—1. Sociability. 2. Generosity. 3. Gratitude.

II. God's Christmas Gift to Man.—1. It was a good gift, including Christ and salvation. 2. It was a perfect gift, being adapted to all, more precious than gold, and lasting forever.

III. Man's Christmas Gift to God.—1. His life. 2. Love. 3. Devotion. 4. Service.

51. CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.—Acts 2. 47.

I. Its Obligations.—1. Indorsement of rules of faith. 2. Submission to its government. 3. Attendance upon means of grace. 4. Contribution to its support.

II. Its Benefit.—1. Open confession of Christ. 2. Shield from worldly allurements. 3. Help to devotion. 4. Facilities for usefulness. 5. Help to earthly and heavenly happiness.

52. COMING TO CHRIST

Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.—John 6. 37.

I. All Need to Come to Christ.—1. Evident from Scripture. 2. From conscience. 3. From conduct.

II. What is Found by Coming to Christ.—1. Pardon. 2. Purity. 3. Happiness. 4. Heaven.

III. How Men Come to Christ.—1. By repentance. 2. Confession. 3. Faith. 4. Consecration. 5. Prayer.

IV. Certainty of Acceptance by Christ.—1. His promises. 2. His sufferings. 3. His salvation of others.

53. CONQUERING FAITH

By faith the walls of Jericho fell.—Heb. 11. 30.

I. Jericho of Sin Must Be Conquered.—1. There must be no compromise. 2. No evading of responsibility. 3. No questioning of divine plans.

II. Jericho of Sin Must Be Conquered by Faith.—1. Victory not in numbers. 2. Parade of saints. 3. Blowing of trumpets. 4. Shouts of victory.

III. Means of Securing Conquering Faith.—1. Scriptures. 2. Consecration. 3. Prayer.

54. CONVERSION

Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.—Matt. 18. 3.

I. Its Nature.—1. It is not change of belief, good resolutions, or reformation. 2. It is not baptism, joining church, or taking sacrament. 3.

It is the work of the Spirit by which men are made new creatures in Christ Jesus. Eph. 4. 24.

II. Its Condition.—1. Repentance. 2. Confession. 3. Forsaking sin. 4. Prayer.

55. CRUCIFIXION

And when he had scourged Jesus, he delivered him to be crucified.—Matt. 27. 26.

I. Journey to Crucifixion.—1. Its humiliation. 2. Suffering.

II. Agonies of Crucifixion.—1. From nails. 2. Spear. 3. Thirst. 4. Abandonment.

III. Derision of Crucifixion.—1. Thieves. 2. Multitudes. 3. Priests.

IV. Divine Manifestations at Crucifixion.—1. Darkness. 2. Quaking of earth. 3. Rending of temple veil.

V. Results of Crucifixion.—1. On the centurion. 2. On multitude. 3. On world.

56. DEFICIENCIES

What lack I yet?—Matt. 19. 20.

I. As to Consecration.—1. Is it complete? 2. Is it perpetual?

II. As to Christian Stability.—1. In doctrine. 2. In conduct.

III. As to Christian Faith.—1. In church. 2. In God.

IV. As to Christian Experience.—1. Conversion. 2. Growth in grace.

V. As to Christian Duty.—1. Devotion. 2. Liberality.

57. DESPONDENCY

And he requested for himself that he might die.—1 Kings 19. 4.

I. Its Prevalence.—1. In secular life—farmer,

merchant, mechanic, etc. 2. Spiritual life—converts, officials, preachers, etc.

II. Its Cause.—1. Physical infirmity. 2. Adversity. 3. Overestimating difficulties. 4. Distrust of God.

III. Its Consequences.—1. Unhappiness. 2. Failure. 3. Divine displeasure. 4. Loss of souls.

58. DESTRUCTION OF THIS WORLD

The earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.—2 Pet. 3. 10.

I. Evidence of World's Destruction.—1. From Scripture. 2. From constant changes in nature. 3. Will not contain coming population.

II. Objections to Destruction of World.—1. Supposed stability of nature. 2. Supposed eternity of matter (not annihilated, but dissolved and material used for new earth.—Rev. 21. 1). 3. Claim it would disturb equilibrium of universe. Answer. Ill., Falling of stars do not.

III. Manner of Destruction of World.—1. May be meteoric fire. 2. Collision with comet. 3. Internal fire. 4. Electricity. 5. Concentrated sunshine. Ill., Burning glass.

59. DIVINE COMFORTER

And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter that he may abide with you forever.—John 14. 16.

I. Evidence of Divine Comforter.—1. From prophecy. (Isa. 12. 1.) Christ in text. 2. From experience of early church, Pentecost, etc. 3. Experience of modern church in great revivals, etc.

II. Blessings of Divine Comforter.—1. Joy. 2. Courage. 3. Zeal. 4. Strength. 5. Victory.

60. DIVINE REFUGE

God is our Refuge and Strength, a very present help in trouble.—Psa. 46. 1.

I. Necessity of Divine Refuge.—1. From peril of sin. 2. Temptations of life. 3. Troubles of life. 4. Penalty of sin.

II. Excellency of the Divine Refuge.—1. Easy of access (present help). 2. Safe refuge. 3. Perpetual refuge. 4. Open to all. Ill., Cities of refuge. 5. Open always.

61. DIVINE SUN

The Lord God is a Sun and a Shield.—Psa. 84. 11.

I. He Illuminates the Moral World.—1. Gives spiritual vision and dispels night of sin.

II. He Gives Spiritual Life.—Ill., Sun and vegetation.

III. He Gives Spiritual Development.—Ill., Nature.

IV. He Gives Present and Eternal Happiness.—Ill., Darkness of sin by total eclipse.

62. DISEASE OF SIN

Were there not ten cleansed? But where are the nine?—Luke 17. 17.

I. Nature of Disease of Sin.—1. It is universal. 2. Hereditary. 3. Contagious. 4. Progressive. 5. Fatal.

II. Remedy for Disease of Sin.—1. No nature cures. 2. No self-cure. 3. No human cures. 4. Christ alone can cure.

III. Conditions of the Cure of Sin.—1. Come to Christ. 2. Pray for cleansing. 3. Believe on the Lord Jesus.

63. EARLY PIETY

Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth.—Eccl. 12. 1.

I. Objections to Early Piety.—1. Wait for a better understanding. 2. Until know which is best church. 3. Until sure will not backslide. 4. Until have good time sow wild oats, etc.

II. Reasons for Early Piety.—1. It is God's command. 2. Most important duty. 3. Easier then than later. 4. Saves from evil habits and associates. 5. Whole life not too long for service. 6. Only safe thing.

64. ENDOWMENT WITH POWER

But tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem until ye be endued with power from on high.—Luke 24. 49.

I. Its Promise.—1. By Christ. 2. To the church in all ages. (John 14. 16.)

II. Its Nature.—1. It is a spiritual power. (Acts 1. 8.) 2. It is a heavenly power.

III. Its Necessity.—1. To happiness. 2. To usefulness.

IV. Its Condition.—1. Consecration to God. 2. Persevering prayer.

65. EXALTATION OF CHRIST

Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him and given him a name which is above every name.—Phil. 2. 9.

I. Exalted in Wisdom.—1. Simplicity. 2. Adaptation. 3. Infallibility.

II. Exalted in Character.—1. Purity. 2. Devotion. 3. Gratitude.

III. Exalted in His Miracles.—1. Creative. 2. Curative.

IV. Exalted as Saviour.—1. Perfect salvation. 2. Free salvation.

V. Exalted in His Glorification.—Worshiped by saints and angels.

66. EXCUSE MAKING

And they all with one consent began to make excuse.—Luke 14. 18.

I. Diversity of Excuses Made.—1. Land deals. 2. Stock trade. 3. Domestic ties. 4. Faults of Christians. 5. Lack of feeling. 6. Fear of apostasy etc.

II. Evils of Excuse Making.—1. Displeasing to God. 2. Hindrance to others. 3. Brings shame (speechless). 4. Brings punishment.

67. FAITHFUL SERVANTS

Well done, good and faithful servant.—Matt. 25. 23.

I. As to Character.—1. Goodness relating to God. 2. Benevolence relating to men.

II. As to Service.—1. Unselfish. 2. Cheerful. 3. Through love. 4. Constant.

III. As to Reward.—1. Divine approval. 2. Personal exaltation. 3. Heavenly inheritance.

68. FALSE DOCTRINES

Be not carried about with divers and strange doctrines.—Heb. 13. 9.

I. Cause of False Doctrines.—1. Human depravity. 2. Lack of Bible knowledge. 3. Lack of religious experience. 4. Taking mere theories for facts.

II. Dangers of False Doctrines.—1. Unstability in life. 2. Loss of Christian experience.

3. Destroys Christian usefulness. 4. Imperils soul's salvation.

III. Remedy for False Doctrines.—1. Search Scriptures. 2. Attend means of grace. 3. Pray for divine guidance.

69. FRIENDSHIP OF JESUS

There is a Friend that sticketh closer than a brother.—Prov. 18. 24.

I. Its Durability.—1. Rests not on money. 2. On merit. 3. Tested and proved friendship.

II. Its Superiority.—1. Adaptation to all. 2. Omnipotent Friend. 3. Omnipresent Friend.

III. Its Benefits.—1. Saves from sin. 2. Promotes earthly happiness. 3. Brings eternal life.

70. FRUITLESS LIVES

Cut it down! Why cumbereth it the ground? —Luke 13. 7.

I. Opportunities of Christian Fruitfulness.—1. All planted in vineyard. 2. Protected from destruction. 3. Nourished and strengthened. 4. Expected to bear fruit.

II. Consequences of Fruitlessness.—1. God is displeased. 2. His forbearance is sorely tried. 3. Christ intercedes for the barren life. 4. New efforts for fruitfulness fail. 5. Tree of opportunity is cut down. 6. Punishment follows.

71. FRUITS OF SPIRIT

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance.—Gal. 5. 22, 23.

I. Love.—1. To God, his church, cause, and work. 2. To man, "neighbor as self."

II. Joy.—1. Because of pardon. 2. Because of cleansing.

III. Peace.—1. With ourselves. 2. With God. 3. With men.

IV. Longsuffering.—1. In trial. 2. Adversity.

V. Gentleness.—1. Not gruff. 2. Haughty. 3. Vain.

VI. Goodness.—1. In character. 2. In conduct.

VII. Faith.—1. In God. 2. In church. 3. In mankind.

VIII. Meekness.—1. Sense of unworthiness. 2. Humility.

IX. Temperance.—1. As to alcohol. 2. As to all excesses.

72. FUTURE PUNISHMENT

These shall go away into everlasting punishment.—Matt. 25. 46.

I. Nature of Future Punishment.—1. External torment foreshadowed by fire. 2. Internal remorse of conscience. 3. Association with wicked men and demons.

II. Duration of Future Punishment.—1. Scripture says it is everlasting. 2. Reason says it should be everlasting, because the results of sin are everlasting.

73. GAIN OF GODLINESS

But godliness with contentment is great gain.—1 Tim. 6. 6.

I. Nature of Godliness.—1. Forsaking sin. 2. Regeneration. 3. Godlike living.

II. Gain of Godliness.—1. Gain freedom from sin. 2. Divine approval. 3. Happiness in life. 4. Friendship of men. 5. Heavenly reward.

74. GIDEONS

And they stood every man in his place round about the camp.—Judg. 7. 21.

I. Need of Modern Gideons.—1. To overthrow modern skepticism. 2. To do away with Sabbath desecration. 3. To conquer the hosts of intemperance. 4. To destroy modern idolatry—Idols: Fun, Fashion, Fame, Fortune; etc.

II. Spirit of Modern Gideons.—1. Loyalty. 2. Obedience. 3. Courage. 4. Reliance on God.

75. GLORIOUS CHURCH OF GOD

That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing.—Eph. 5. 27.

I. Glorious in Divine Origin.—1. Only divine institution. 2. Greatest product of Deity.

II. Glorious in Divine Superintendence.—1. Promise: "Lo I am with you alway." 2. Modern manifestations of God.

III. Glorious in Its Aims.—1. Happiness of all. 2. Salvation of all.

IV. Glorious in Experience.—1. Regenerates. 2. Indwelling spirit. 3. Christian hope.

V. Glorious in Achievement.—1. Enemies conquered. 2. Sinners saved. 3. Gospel preached. 4. Churches built.

76. GOD IN OUR NATION

He hath not dealt so with any nation.—Psa. 147. 20.

I. God in Our Natural Resources.—1. Commercial facilities: Sea coasts, rivers, lakes, etc. 2. Manufacturing facilities: Water, fuel, material, etc. 3. Mineral resources: Gold, silver, iron, coal, etc. 4. Agricultural resources: Grains, vegetables, fruits, etc.

II. God in Our Internal Progress.—1. Inventions, discoveries, etc.

III. God in Our Religious Progress.—1. Temperance. 2. Piety. 3. Evangelism, etc.

77. GOD'S BALANCES AND MEN'S DEFICIENCIES

Thou art weighed in the balances and art found wanting.—Dan. 5. 27.

I. God's Balances.—1. Their nature. 2. Their accuracy. Ill., Testing money in banks.

II. Man's Deficiencies.—1. Some wanting in veracity. Ill., White lies. 2. Some wanting in honesty: Merchant, doctor, lawyer, editor, mechanic, trader, farmer, etc. 3. Some wanting in morality. 4. Some wanting in piety. 5. Some wanting in liberality. 6. Some in usefulness.

78. GOD'S CALL

I have called, and ye refused.—Prov. 1. 24.

I. How God Calls Men.—1. By his Word. 2. By his church. 3. By his Spirit.

II. To What God Calls Men.—1. To holy life. 2. Happy life. 3. Useful life. 4. Eternal life.

III. Men's Treatment of God's Call.—1. Some positively refuse it. 2. Some neglect it and are hardened in sin. 3. Some gladly accept it.

IV. Consequences of Not Harkening to God's Call.—1. Conscience is hardened. 2. God's spirit is grieved. 3. Rejecters are banished from God forever.

79. GOD'S KINGDOM

In the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed.—Dan. 2. 44.

I. Its Origin.—1. Divine institution. 2. Superior to all.

II. Its Progress.—1. Beginning small. 2. Achievements great. 3. Outlook promising.

III. Its Obligations.—1. Obedience. 2. Prayer. 3. Personal effort. 4. Liberal support. 5. Loyalty.

IV. Its Final Triumph. (Ill., Image destroyed, etc.)—1. Divine promise. 2. Marvelous progress. 3. Hopeful outlook.

80. GOD'S PERFECT WORK

He hath done all things well.—Mark 7. 37.

I. In the Natural World.—1. Planets perfectly poised. 2. Light, compound nature, seven colors. 3. Air, triune nature, density, etc. 4. Earth, proportion water and land. (See nature's waterworks.) 5. Man, animals, fowls.

II. In the Spiritual Realm.—1. Redemption. 2. Salvation for all—perfect, free, etc. 3. Glorious church. 4. Future reward, etc.

81. GOD'S PROMISES

Whereby are given unto us exceedingly great and precious promises.—2 Pet. 1. 4.

I. Greatness of Promises.—1. Redemption. 2. Pardon. 3. Regeneration. 4. Grace. 5. Heaven.

II. Certainty of Promises.—1. From God's love. 2. God's honor. 3. God's ability. 4. Promises tested and never broken.

82. GOD'S SECRETS

The secret things belong unto the Lord our God, but these things which are revealed belong unto us and to our children forever.—Deut. 29.

29. Prel.—God has secrets in both natural and spiritual realms.

I. Manner of Spiritual Life is a Secret.—The fact is revealed.

II. Manner of Witness of Spirit is a Secret.—Fact is revealed.

III. Manner of Growth in Grace is a Secret.—Fact is revealed.

IV. Manner of the Resurrection is a Secret.—Fact is revealed.

V. Time of Judgment is a Secret.—Fact is revealed.

VI. Nature of Heaven is a Secret.—Fact is revealed.

VII. Nature of Punishment is a Secret.—Fact is revealed.

83. GOOD CONSCIENCE

And herein do I excuse myself, to have always a conscience void of offence toward God and toward men.—Acts 24. 16.

I. Its Nature.—1. As to judgment. 2. As to fallibility. 3. As to punishment. 4. As to comfort.

II. Its Authority.—1. Safe only when enlightened and obeyed. 2. Not above the authority of Scripture.

III. Its Importance.—1. Necessary to divine approval, earthly happiness, usefulness, and future reward.

84. GOSPEL FEAST

Friend, how camest thou in hither not having a wedding garment?—Matt. 22. 12.

I. Nature of Feast.—1. Its abundance. 2. Its liberality.

II. Nature of Wedding Garment.—1. White robe of righteousness.

III. The Testing of Guests.—1. By King, not guests. 2. Public. 3. Personal. 4. On self-defense. 5. Speechless; did not plead: (1) unworthiness, (2) was good enough, (3) neglect, etc.

85. GOSPEL INVITATION

The Spirit and the Bride say Come, and let him that heareth say Come.—Rev. 22. 17.

I. By Whom Given.—1. Holy Spirit. 2. Church of God.

II. To Whom Given.—1. All who thirst for salvation; none too poor, sinful, or ignorant.

III. How Invitation is Received.—1. Many accept. 2. Some neglect. 3. Some willfully reject.

86. GOSPEL MATHEMATICS

✚ Add to your faith virtue; and to virtue, knowledge; and to knowledge, temperance; and to temperance, patience; and to patience, godliness; and to godliness, brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness, charity.—2 Pet. 1. 5-7.

I. Gospel Mathematics Subtracts.—1. Pride. 2. Anger. 3. Envy. 4. Hatred. 5. Sinful actions. 6. Sinful desires.

II. Gospel Mathematics Adds.—1. Virtue. 2. Knowledge. 3. Temperance. 4. Patience. 5. Godliness. 6. Brotherly kindness. 7. Charity or love.

III. Gospel Mathematics Multiplies.—1. Christian joys. 2. Good works. 3. Charities. 4. Hopes.

IV. Gospel Mathematics Divides.—1. Blessings. 2. Affections. 3. Benevolences, etc.

87. GOSPEL POWER

For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ ; for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth.—Rom. 1. 16.

I. Its Nature.—1. Gospel is God's instrumental power. Ill., Sword. 2. Gospel is God's power in conviction of sin. 3. Gospel is God's power in edification of church.

II. Its Conditions.—1. Personal acceptance. 2. Obedience to requirement.

III. Its Proof.—1. Experience of Paul at Damascus. 2. Apostles. 3. Early church. 4. Reformation. 5. Modern times.

88. GOSPEL SOWER

The sower soweth the Word.—Mark 4. 14.

I. His Method.—1. Systematically. 2. Constantly.

II. His Seed.—1. Word of God only perfect seed ; not history, science, fiction, etc.

III. His Field.—Human hearts, good soil and bad soil, as we make it.

IV. His Harvest.—1. No harvest for careless hearers. 2. Little in hardened hearts. 3. Less in skeptical hearts. 4. A hundredfold in good and honest hearts.

89. GOSPEL HEALTH RESORT

Ho! everyone that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money, come ye.—Isa. 55. 1.

I. Water of Life Supplies All Spiritual Wants.—1. Cleansing from impurity. 2. Healing disease of sin. 3. Quenching thirst for happiness.

II. Water of Life is Free to All.—1. Scripture. 2. Experience.

III. Water of Life is Inexhaustible.—1. Drink freely. 2. Drink constantly.

90. GRATITUDE

The Lord hath done great things for us whereof we are glad.—Psa. 126. 3.

I. Reasons for Gratitude.—(A) In nature: Provisions for: 1. Sight. 2. Thirst. 3. Hunger. 4. Fuel. 5. Clothing, etc. (B) In spiritual realm: 1. Redemption. 2. Salvation. 3. Church membership. 4. Heaven.

II. Showing Our Gratitude.—1. By confessing before men. 2. By praise and thanksgiving. 3. By working for God. 4. By giving to his cause.

91. GREAT TEACHER

We know that thou art a Teacher come from God.—John 3. 2.

I. His Authority.—1. His claims. 2. His Father's attestation.

II. His Themes.—1. Immortality. 2. Sin. 3. Atonement. 4. Salvation.

III. His Originality.—1. New thought. 2. Hidden facts.

IV. His Simplicity.—1. Everyday illustrations, etc.

V. His Wisdom.—1. Answers to critics. 2. Enemies fear to question.

VI. His Popularity.—1. Great multitude. 2. Influence of his teachings on literature and piety or world.

92. GREATNESS

Know ye not that there is a Prince and a great man fallen this day in Israel?—2 Sam. 3. 38.

I. Knowledge as an element of greatness.

II. Honesty as an element of greatness.

III. Self-control as an element of greatness.

IV. Patience as an element of greatness.

V. Piety as an element of greatness.

VI. Industry as an element of greatness.

VII. Courage as an element of greatness.

93. GROWTH IN GRACE

But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.—2 Pet. 3. 18.

I. Its Nature.—1. Development. 2. Gradual. 3. Constant.

II. Its Conditions.—1. Avoid poisons of sin. 2. Seek spiritual nourishment, milk of Word. 3. Spiritual exercise, prayer, work, etc.

III. Its Necessity.—1. Divine command. 2. Preparation for work. 3. To avoid premature spiritual death.

IV. Its Evidence.—1. Increase of spiritual strength. 2. Ability to work for God.

94. HARMFULNESS OF SIN

Do thyself no harm.—Acts 16. 28.

I. Sin is Harmful Physically.—1. By passions. 2. Appetites. 3. Conduct.

II. Sin is Harmful Mentally.—1. Remorse of conscience. 2. Worry and strain. 3. Great source of insanity.

III. Sin is Harmful Financially.—1. Destroys confidence and credit. 2. Leads to extravagance. 3. Gambling, etc.

- IV. Sin is Harmful Socially.**—1. Degrades.
2. Excludes from society.

V. Sin is Harmful Spiritually.—1. Corrupts soul. 2. Breeds discontent. 3. Leads to eternal death.

95. HARVEST AND LABORERS

The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few.—Luke 10. 2.

- I. Consider the Harvest.**—1. Its greatness.
2. Its value. 3. Its ripeness. 4. Its urgency.

II. Consider the Laborers.—1. Are they few?
2. Are they efficient? 3. Are they willing? 4. Are they constant? 5. Are they successful? 6. Are they paid?

96. HEART TOUCH

And there went unto him a band of men whose hearts God had touched.—1 Sam. 10. 26.

I. Possibility of Divine Heart Touch.—1. From reason. If he created he can touch us. 2. From divine promises. 3. From experience.

II. Nature of Divine Heart Touch.—1. In conviction. 2. Conversion. 3. Sustaining grace.

III. Necessity of Divine Heart Touch.—1. To Christian character. 2. Christian work. 3. Christian reward.

97. HEAVEN

I go to prepare a place for you.—John 14. 2.

I. Its Nature.—1. A place or location. 2. Higher place. 3. Prepared place. 4. State of blessedness. 5. A condition of happiness.

II. Its Inhabitants.—1. God and Christ. 2. Holy angels. 3. Glorified saints.

III. Its Employment.—1. Divine worship. 2. Praise and adoration. 3. Celestial messengers.

98. HELL

And in hell he lifted up his eyes, being in torments.—Luke 16. 23.

I. Hell is a Place.—1. More than a condition. 2. More than a state of life. 3. More than evil conscience.

II. Hell Hath Torment.—1. By remorse of conscience. 2. By external punishment. (v. 24.)

III. Hell is Everlasting. (2 Thess. 1. 9.)—1. Length of crime no measure for punishment. 2. Results of sin are everlasting and so should be its punishment.

99. HELPING HAND OF THE CHURCH

And he took him by the right hand and lifted him up.—Acts 3. 7.

I. It Is Important as Well as Worship.—See context.

II. It Is More Important Than Silver or Gold.—Got more than expected.

III. It Is Extended in the Name of Christ.—God works through church.

IV. It Attracts the Crowds.—Results best advertisement.

V. It Leads to Success.—Apostles never had such success before, and so with all who extend the helping hand.

100. HIDING FROM GOD

And Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God amongst the trees of the garden.—Gen. 3. 8.

I. Manner of Hiding from God.—1. Behind rocks of skepticism. 2. Among trees of worldly prosperity. 3. Amid the labyrinths of worldly cares. 4. Among the flowers of worldly pleasure. 5. Behind the faults of hypocrites.

II. Consequences of Hiding from God.—1. God calls and man must answer. (v. 9.) 2. Shame and remorse follow. 3. Banishment from the divine presence.

101. HIDING SINS

He that covereth his sins shall not prosper.—Prov. 28. 13.

I. Adam's Sin. (Gen. 3. 6.)—Hid behind a woman; so now.

II. Cain's Sin. (Gen. 4. 9.)—Murder covered with falsehood.

III. Achan's Sin. (Josh. 7. 13.)—Hid in the earth.

IV. Gehaza's Sin. (2 Kings 5. 25.)—Covered with lies.

V. Ahab's Sin. (1 Kings 21.)—Covered with perjury.

VI. Judas' Sin. (Matt. 26.)—Covered with a kiss.

VII. Your Sins.—Covered with ——

102. HINDRANCES

Who did hinder you that ye should not obey the truth?—Gal. 5. 7.

I. Does Our Sinful Nature Hinder Us?—An evil heart inheritance of all, yet we can overcome evil tendencies.

II. Does Evil Associations Hinder Us?—1. In family. 2. Business. 3. Social circles.

III. Does Evil Appetite Hinder Us?—1. Tobacco. 2. Drink.

IV. Does Sinful Habit Hinder Us?—1. Blasphemy. 2. Vulgarity. 3. Levity.

V. Do the Faults of Others Hinder Us?—1. Hypocrites in church. 2. Dishonesty in business.

Conclusion: **Nothing Should Hinder Us.**

103. HOLDING TO CHRISTIAN HOPE

Be not moved away from the hope of the gospel.—Col. 1. 23.

I. Importance of Christian Hope.—1. To ourselves, our peace, happiness, usefulness, reward. 2. To the church, her good name, efficiency in work, triumph over sin.

II. How to Prevent Being Moved from Our Hope.—1. Hold fast the Word of God. 2. Secret prayer. 3. The means of grace. 4. Christian work.

104. HOLY GHOST IN THE CHURCH

Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed?—Acts 19. 2.

I. Personality of Holy Ghost.—1. He is not an influence from God. 2. Not an attribute of God. 3. Not the Word of God. 4. He is the third person in the Trinity. (1 John 5. 7.)

II. Divinity of Holy Ghost.—1. Proved by his titles. 2. By his attributes. 3. Acts. 4. Worship.

III. Indwelling of Holy Ghost.—1. In the smallest churches (text). 2. In the largest churches; see Pentecost, three thousand. 3. In all churches.

105. HUMAN DEPRAVITY

The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked. Who can know it?—Jer. 17. 9.

I. Evidence of Depravity.—1. Declarations of Scripture. (Gen. 6. 5; Rom. 8. 7.) 2. Human conduct, passions of children, crimes of adults.

II. Responsibility for Depravity.—1. Adam and Eve are responsible for its origin. 2. Each person is responsible for its perpetuation.

III. Remedy for Depravity.—1. Man cannot remedy his depravity by resolutions, forms, and ceremonies. 2. Only remedy is divine cleansing in answer to prayer.

106. HUMAN LIFE

What is my life?—1 Sam. 18. 18.

I. As to Its Nature.—1. Not organic matter alone. 2. Not blood circulation alone.

II. As to Its Origin.—1. Not in natural laws. 2. Not in development. 3. Touch of Deity, gift of God.

III. As to Its Aim.—1. Happiness. 2. Usefulness. 3. Glory of God. 4. Preparation for heaven.

IV. As to Its Duration.

107. HUSTLERS IN THE CHURCH

Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might.—Eccl. 9. 10.

Prel.—Hustlers' motto: "Vim, Vigor, and Victory."

I. Work in Revivals With Thy Might.

II. Work in Prayer Meeting With Thy Might.

III. Work in Sinful Homes With Thy Might.

IV. Work in Young Peoples' Meeting With Thy Might.

V. Work in Sunday School With Thy Might.

VI. Work in the Congregation With Thy Might.

108. INTEMPERANCE

Woe unto him that giveth his neighbor drink, that putteth thy bottle to him and maketh him drunken.—Hab. 2. 15.

I. Its Evils Morally.—1. Opens floodgates of sin. 2. Leads to hell.

II. Its Evils Physically.—1. Poisons system. 2. Hinders digestion. III., Beef in alcohol.

III. Its Evils Financially.—1. Unfits for business. 2. Makes spendthrifts. 3. Detracts from lawful business. 4. Wastes grain. 5. Increases court costs and taxation.

109. JUDGMENT

We must all stand before the judgment seat of Christ.—Rom. 14. 10.

I. Its Certainty.—1. From reason. 2. From Scripture.

II. Its Subjects.—1. All humanity. 2. Fallen angels.

III. Its Nature.—1. Judgment as to character. 2. As to conduct.

IV. Its Law.—1. All before Christ from Old Testament. 2. All since by Bible, if they have it. Heathen by law in hearts. (Rom. 2. 15.)

V. Its Decrees.—1. Heaven for saints. 2. Hell for sinners—no compromise verdicts, no purgatory.

110. JUSTIFICATION BY FAITH

Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.—Rom. 5. 1.

I. Its Cause.—1. Original cause, love of God. 2. Meritorious cause, death of Christ. 3. Instrumental cause, faith in Christ.

II. Its Condition.—1. Repentance. 2. Consecration. 3. Prayer. 4. Faith.

III. Fruits of Justification.—1. Peace with God. 2. Adoption into heavenly family.

111. KINGDOM OF CHRIST

My kingdom is not of this world.—John 18. 36.

I. Superiority of Christ's Kingdom.—1. As seen in its King. His wisdom, power, goodness. 2. As seen in its laws. Its inspiration and perfection. 3. As seen in its subjects. Chosen people, holy nation. 4. As seen in its duration. Perpetual, everlasting.

II. Duty to Christ's Kingdom.—1. Loyalty. 2. Patriotism. 3. Sacrifice. 4. Service.

112. LADDER OF SALVATION. TWELVE STEPS TO HEAVEN

And behold, a ladder set up on the earth and the top of it reached to heaven.—Gen. 28. 12.

- 12th Heaven
- 11th Death
- 10th Devotion
- 9th Adoption
- 8th Regeneration
- 7th Pardon
- 6th Faith.
- 5th Prayer
- 4th Consecration
- 3d Confession
- 2d Repentance
- 1st Conviction

113. LITERARY OPPORTUNITY

And I took the little book out of the angel's hand and ate it up.—Rev. 10. 10.

I. Origin of Literature.—1. Its antiquity. 2. Its preservation, etc.

II. Love of Literature.—1. Natural to some. 2. Acquired by others. 3. All should love it and eat it up.

III. Choice of Literature.—1. Avoid sensational novels. 2. Half-truths. 3. Give preference to history, biography, discovery, invention, science, and Scripture.

IV. Benefits of Literature.—1. Pleasure. 2. Polish. 3. Social elevation. 4. Business success. 5. Usefulness.

114. LOSING THE SOUL

For what is a man profited if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul?—Matt. 16. 26.

I. Losing Soul for Worldly Pleasure.—1. Cards. 2. Dancing. 3. Theaters. 4. Alcohol, etc.

II. Losing Soul for Fame.—Example of Solomon.

III. Losing Soul for Authority.—Ill., Office seekers.

IV. Losing Soul to Gain Riches.—Religion no impediment to wealth, yet many think so and lose souls by sacrifice of principles.

115. LORD'S PRAYER

After this manner therefore pray ye.—Matt. 6. 9.

I. Its Simplicity. "This manner."

II. Its Devotion. "Our Father."

III. Its Reverence. "Hallowed be thy name."

IV. Its Petition for God's Kingdom.

V. Its Petition for Temporal Blessings.

VI. Its Petition for Deliverance from Sin.

VII. Its Petition for Deliverance from Temptations.

116. LOVE OF GOD

God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.—John 3. 16.

I. Its Nature.—1. Unmerited. 2. Expensive. 3. Universal. 4. Perpetual.

II. Its Purpose.—1. Salvation from sin. 2. Eternal life.

III. Its Obligations.—1. That man love God. 2. Acceptance of Christ as his Saviour. 3. Consecration of life to God's service.

117. MATRIMONIAL SEAS

Let them marry to whom they think best.—Num. 36. 6.

I. Their Natures.—(A) Boisterous Matrimonial Atlantic. 1. Undercurrents of vice. 2. Hurricanes of evil passions. (B) Peaceful Matrimonial Pacific. 1. Some flurries here. 2. Do not expect companions to be angels.

II. Ships to Be Taken.—1. Avoid Dignity Yacht (marrying titles). 2. Money Yacht (marrying for money). 3. Sail on Love Yacht.

III. When to Sail.—1. Make haste slowly. 2. Tarry not too long.

118. MEDITATION

Meditate upon these things.—1 Tim. 4. 15.

I. Meditate Upon Ourselves.—1. Sinful natures. 2. Religious experience. 3. Christian work.

II. Meditate Upon God's Goodness.—1. In nature. 2. In redemption. 3. In sustaining grace.

III. Meditate Upon Christ.—1. His incarnation. 2. Teachings. 3. Miracles. 4. Suffering.

IV. Meditate Upon Heaven.—1. Its certainty. 2. Its happiness. 3. Its associations. 4. Its employments. 5. Its duration.

119. MEMORY

Son, remember.—Luke 16. 25.

I. Its Nature.—1. Faculty of retaining and reproducing. 2. Scribe of soul. Ill., Life a book. 3. Life's phonograph record. 4. Granary of soul containing golden grain of knowledge. Ill., Farmer.

II. Its Duration.—1. It is imperishable. See text. 2. Nothing finally lost to memory. Ill., Invisible ink.

III. Its Future Mission.—1. Book of judgment. Ill., More reliable than angel records. 2. Vindication of divine justice. See context.

120. MINISTERIAL WORK

I am doing a great work, so that I cannot come down.—Neh. 6. 3.

I. Its Greatness.—1. Highest calling on earth. 2. Book agency is coming down. 3. Insurance is coming down. 4. Education is coming down. 5. Collecting money is coming down.

II. Schemes to Bring Ministers Down.—1. Ridicule (Chap. 4. 3). 2. Allurement (Chap. 6. 4). 3. Compromise. 4. False accusation. 5. Intimidation.

121. MISSIONARY WORK

Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.—Mark 16. 15.

I. Importance of Preaching Gospel to Every Creature.—1. Because of temporal benefits: civilization, prosperity, earthly happiness, etc. 2.

Because of spiritual benefits: reveals sin, shows remedy, brings salvation, heavenly reward.

II. Possibility of Preaching Gospel to Every Creature.—1. What God commands can be done. 2. Open doors. 3. Difficulties overcome. 4. Increasing missionary sentiment. 5. Increased facilities. 6. Wealth of church. 7. Liberality. 8. Missionary volunteers, etc.

122. MODERN GOLIATHS

The battle is the Lord's, and he will give you into our hands.—1 Sam. 17. 47.

I. Nature of Modern Goliaths.—1. Goliath of worldliness. 2. Goliath of skepticism. 3. Goliath of intemperance.

II. Means of Overcoming Modern Goliaths.—1. Sense of individual responsibility. 2. Christian courage and perseverance. 3. Reliance on divine help (text).

123. MODEL YOUNG MAN, DANIEL

Neither was there any error or fault found in him.—Dan. 6. 4.

I. A Model in Home Life.—1. Politeness. 2. Affection. 3. Obedience.

II. A Model in School Life.—1. No frivolity. 2. Strictly temperate. 3. Studious and diligent. 4. Highest graduation honors.

III. A Model Business Life.—1. Energetic. 2. Industrious. 3. Honest. 4. Pious.

124. MODEL YOUNG LADY, ESTHER

Let my life be given at my petition, and my people at my request.—Esth. 7. 3.

I. Model of Modesty.—She required nothing but what the keeper of the women appointed; no silks, laces, jewels, etc. (Esth. 2. 15.)

II. Model of Obedience.—1. Did command of Mordecai. 2. Obedience rewarded.

III. Model of Courage.—1. Going before king unbidden.

IV. Model of Piety.—1. I and my maids will fast.

V. Model of Usefulness.—1. Saved her nation. 2. Honored for centuries.

125. MODEL MAN OF CITY

Behold now there is in this city a man of God, and he is an honorable man; all that he saith cometh surely to pass.—1 Sam. 9. 6.

I. A Model of Courtesy.—1. Seen in treatment of successor.

II. Model of Veracity.—1. Childhood. 2. As ruler.

III. A Model of Intelligence.—1. Founder of first theological college. 2. First circuit judge. 3. Author of first national constitution.

IV. A Model of Honor.—1. Public test, none accused him. Ch. 12.

V. A Model of Courage.—Reproof of king, ch. 13. 13.

VI. A Model of Piety.—See whole life, Books of Samuel, etc.

126. NEW BIRTH

Verily, verily, I say unto thee, except a man be born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.—John 3. 3.

I. Its Nature.—1. Not change of opinion. 2. Good resolutions. 3. Moral reformation. 4. Good works. 5. Baptism. 6. Church membership. 7. It is a regeneration by the Holy Spirit, by which we become new creatures in Christ. (Col. 3. 10.)

II. Its Evidence.—1. Witness of God's Spirit (Rom. 8. 16; 1 John 5. 10). 2. Witness of our spirit.

III. Its Necessity.—1. Divine requirement. 2. Personal happiness. 3. Christian usefulness. 4. Eternal salvation.

127. NEW CREATURES IN CHRIST

Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature; old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.—2 Cor. 5. 17.

I. Why We Are Made New Creatures.—1. Because of natural guilt. 2. Moral impurity. 3. Sinful passions. 4. Sinful appetites. 5. Sinful desires.

II. How We Are Made New Creatures.—1. Not by whitewashing. 2. Mending lives. 3. Good resolutions. 4. Moral reformation. 5. Religious ceremonies. **By Holy Spirit only.**

III. Things That Become New.—1. New peace. 2. Love. 3. Joy. 4. Aims. 5. Hopes.

128. NEW HEART

A new heart also will I give you.—Ezek. 36. 26.

I. Its Nature.—1. Pure. 2. Loving. 3. Obedient.

II. Its Necessity.—1. To be good. 2. To do good. 3. To get good.

III. Its Condition.—1. Repentance. 2. Faith. 3. Consecration. 4. Prayer.

IV. Its Evidence.—1. Our Christian spirit. 2. God's witnessing spirit.

129. NEW YEAR

Lord, let it alone this year also.—Luke 13. 8.

I. New Year Regrets.—1. Broken resolutions. 2. Wasted time. 3. Lost opportunities.

4. Neglected devotion. 5. Inactivity. 6. Ingratitude.

II. New Year Amendments.—1. As to devotion. 2. Soul winning. 3. Liberality. 4. Sociability. 5. Cheerfulness. 6. Christian courage. 7. Gratitude and thanksgiving.

130. NIAGARA OF SIN

The river of Kishon swept them away.—Judges 5. 21.

I. Smooth Life on Niagara.—Its beginning is most charming. So river of sin.

II. Rough-and-Tumble Life on Niagara.—Its rapids soon appear, as on river of sin.

III. Plunger Life on Niagara.—Its raging vortex finally appears. So on river of sin.

IV. Whirlpool Life on Niagara.—Its irresistible power is at last realized. So on river of sin.

131. OCEAN OF LIFE

These see the works of the Lord, and his wonders in the deep.—Psa. 107. 24.

I. Dangers On Ocean of Life.—1. Fogs of ignorance and prejudice. 2. Rocks of skepticism. 3. Storms of sinful passions. 4. Undercurrents of human depravity. 5. High tides of selfishness.

II. Need of Christ on Ocean of Life.—1. He understands life's chart. 2. Has wireless communication. 3. Calms storms. 4. Anchors safely in haven of rest.

132. OBEDIENCE

And being made perfect, he became the Author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him.—Heb. 5. 9.

I. Grounds of Obedience.—1. Divine ownership; God's by creation, preservation, and redemption.

II. Hindrances to Obedience.—1. Sinful nature. 2. Allurements of the world. 3. Temptations of Satan. 4. Lack of courage.

III. Fruits of Obedience.—1. Divine favor. 2. Human admiration. 3. Angelic delight. 4. Earthly happiness. 5. Eternal salvation. See text.

133. OFFICE OF HOLY SPIRIT

And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment.—John 16. 8.

I. He Reproves.—1. Of sin. 2. Righteousness. 3. Judgment.

II. He Regenerates.—1. Removing guilt of sin. 2. Corruption of sin.

III. He Witnesses.—1. To cleansing. 2. To adoption (Rom. 8. 16).

IV. He Comforts.—1. In trials. 2. Afflictions. 3. Temptations.

V. He Teaches.—1. By direct illumination. 2. By Scripture (1 Cor. 2. 13).

VI. He Guides.—(John 16. 13.)

VII. He Strengthens.—(Acts 1. 8; 4. 31.)

134. OPEN DOOR

Behold, I have set before thee an open door.—Rev. 3. 8.

I. Door of Pardon.—1. Its necessity. 2. Only door.

II. Door of Purity.—1. All need it. 2. Christ only door.

III. Door to Usefulness.—1. Most noble desire. 2. Open to all.

IV. Door to Happiness.—1. Because saved from sin. 2. Possess indwelling spirit. 3. Possess elements of happiness.

V. Door to Heaven.—1. Only door. 2. Open to all who accept conditions.

135. OPINIONS OF CHRIST

What think ye of Christ?—Matt. 22. 42.

I. As to His Nature.—1. Humanity. 2. Divinity.

II. As to His Work.—1. Teachings. 2. Miracles.

III. As to His Character.—1. Purity. 2. Devotion. 3. Humility. 4. Resignation.

IV. As to His Suffering.—1. In the garden. 2. On cross.

V. As a Saviour.—1. Personal Saviour. 2. Perfect Saviour. 3. Perpetual Saviour.

136. PAUL THE MODEL CHRISTIAN

Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ.—1 Cor. 11. 1.

I. Model of Religious Experience.—1. Full surrender to God. 2. Prayer for pardon. 3. Clear experience of salvation. 4. Radical change of life.

II. Model of Personal Piety.—1. Consistent Christian. 2. Thanksgiving and praise.

III. Model of Resignation.—1. Always content with his lot. 2. Patient in affliction. 3. Cheerful in persecution.

IV. Model of Christian Activity.—1. Preaching as missionary. 2. Writing to churches. 3. Collecting for needy.

137. PARDON

For he will abundantly pardon.—Isa. 55. 7.

I. Its Nature.—1. God's act of blotting out sin. 2. Free and unmerited. 3. Abundant and complete.

II. Its Conditions.—1. Forsake wicked ways. 2. Evil thoughts. 3. Return unto the Lord.

III. Its Necessity.—1. To happiness. 2. Usefulness. 3. Eternal salvation.

IV. Its Best Time.—1. Before evil associates. 2. Evil habits. 3. Heart is hardened.

138. PEACE AND PLEASURE

Her ways are ways of pleasantness and all her paths are paths of peace.—Prov. 3. 17.

I. Religion Brings Peace.—1. Peace of conscience. 2. Peace with God. 3. Peace with men.

II. Religion Brings Pleasure.—1. By Christian experience. 2. Christian associates. 3. Christian worship. 4. Christian work. 5. Christian hope.

139. PENTECOST

And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place.—Acts 2. 1.

I. What Pentecost Was to Christ's Disciples.—1. All were of one accord. 2. All were in one place. 3. They were one in desire, prayer, faith, and perseverance. 4. All received the Holy Spirit.

II. What Pentecost Was to Three Thousand Sinners.—1. They were drawn to the place of worship. 2. Convicted of sin. 3. Caused to repent. 4. Received forgiveness. 5. Were baptized. 6. Received the Holy Spirit. 7. United with the church.

140. PERSEVERANCE

As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him.—Col. 2. 6.

I. Our Purpose When Receiving Christ.—1. Full consecration to God; so continue. 2. To be saved from all sin. So continue. 3. Attendance upon all means of grace. So continue. 4. Faithfulness in devotion; so continue. 5. Liberal support of the church; so continue.

II. Our Experience on Receiving Christ.—1. Peace with God; so continue. 2. Love for God and his cause; so continue. 3. Love for church and lost souls; so continue. 4. Love for God's Word; so continue.

141. PERSUADING MEN

Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men.—2 Cor. 5. 11.

I. Wisdom of Persuading Men.—1. They cannot be driven. 2. God has no desire to compel them.

II. Objects of Persuasion of Men.—1. To forsake sin. 2. Give lives to God. 3. Work for the Master.

III. Reasons for Persuading Men.—1. Because of God's love. 2. God's longsuffering. 3. Man's happiness in obedience. 4. Man's punishment for disobedience. "Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord."

142. PERILS OF OUR NATION

Righteousness exalteth a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people.—Prov. 14. 34.

I. Sabbath Desecration.—See experience of Spain and France.

II. Official Bribery.—Cities, States, and Nation.

III. Immoral Immigration.—Americanize them or they will foreignize us.

IV. Encouragement of Mob Law.—Tends to destroy all law.

V. Ecclesiastical Dictators.—1. Mormons.
2. Catholics.

VI. Legalized Rum.—1. By intimidation. 2. Drunkenness.

143. PERPETUAL FIRES ON CHRISTIAN ALTARS

The fire shall ever be burning upon the altar. It shall never go out.—Lev. 6. 13.

I. Perpetual Love.—1. Its divine origin. 2. Our watchfulness. 3. Faithfulness.

II. Perpetual Devotion.—1. Not quenched by doubts. 2. Worldliness. 3. Neglect, etc.

III. Perpetual Zeal.—1. Not quenched by cares. 2. Great opposition. 3. Difficult tasks, etc.

144. PERSONAL EFFORT

And he brought him to Jesus.—John 1. 42.

I. Importance of Personal Effort.—1. As seen in organization of Christian church (John 1. 35-52). 2. As seen in modern revivals.

II. Methods of Personal Effort.—1. Keep in touch with Christ. 2. Ask divine guidance. 3. Pray for help of Holy Spirit. 4. Use the Word of God. 5. Manifest a personal interest. 6. Show dangers of delay. 7. Tell your experience. 8. Persevere in efforts.

145. PRAYER

I will therefore that men pray everywhere.—1 Tim. 2. 8.

I. Obligations of Prayer.—1. Divine command. 2. Christ's example. 3. Human necessity.

II. Kinds of Prayer.—1. Secret prayer. 2. Family prayer. 3. Public prayer.

III. Conditions of Prayer.—1. Holy purpose (context). 2. Forgiving spirit (context). 3. Faith in Christ (context).

146. PREVAILING PRAYER

The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.—James 5. 16.

I. Its Foundation.—1. God's promises. 2. God's love. 3. God's goodness. 4. God's omnipotence.

II. Its Condition.—1. Name of Jesus. 2. According to God's will. 3. Faith. 4. Fervor. 5. Persistency.

III. Its Assurance.—Experience of Hezekiah, Elijah, Paul, Peter in prison, etc.

147. PRAYER TEST

Call ye on the name of your gods, I will call upon the name of the Lord, and the God that answers by fire, let him be God.—1 Kings 18. 24.

I. It Was by Divine Authority.—1. Folly of Christian submitting to tests. 2. Infidelity no authority to demand prayer tests.

II. It Was Satisfactory.—1. Answered prayer best of evidence.

III. Its Conditions.—1. Must be according to divine will. 2. With fervor. 3. Faith. 4. Perseverance.

148. PRAISING GOD

Oh, that men would praise the Lord for his goodness and for his wonderful works to the children of men.—Psa. 107. 31.

I. Duty of Praising God.—1. It is universal. 2. Perpetual. 3. Eternal.

II. Grounds of Praising God.—(A) His goodness: 1. In redemption. 2. In converting grace. 3. In sustaining grace.

(B) His wonderful works: 1. Creation of world. 2. Light. 3. Heat. 4. Electricity. 5. Air, etc.

149. PREACHING CHRIST

We preach Christ crucified.—1 Cor. 1. 23.

I. As to His Nature.—1. Human. 2. Divine.

II. As to His Work.—1. Teachings. 2. Miracles.

III. As to His Suffering.—1. In Gethsemane. 2. On Calvary.

IV. As to His Office.—1. Saviour. 2. Intercessor. 3. Judge.

150. PRECIOUS BLOOD OF CHRIST

Ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things as silver and gold, . . . but with the precious blood of Christ.—1 Pet. 1. 18, 19.

I. Precious Because Secures Redemption.—1. Self-redemption impossible. 2. Human redemption impossible. 3. Angelic redemption impossible.

II. Precious Because Through It We Have Access to God.—1. Sacrifice. 2. Intercession.

III. Precious Because Through It We Have Eternal Life.

151. PREJUDICE

Can there any good thing come out of Nazareth?—John 1. 46.

I. Cause of Prejudice.—1. Human depravity. 2. Self-interest. 3. Self-importance. 4. Misinformation.

II. Evils of Prejudice.—1. In families. 2. In business. 3. In church.

III. Remedy for Prejudice.—1. Investigation ("come and see," v. 46). 2. Divine enlightenment. 3. Cleansing from sin.

152. PRINCE OF PEACE

His name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.—Isa. 9. 6.

I. Advent of Prince of Peace.—Its importance shown: 1. By prophecy. 2. By angelic visitation at birth. 3. His star and wise men. 4. Divine manifestations in his life.

II. Reign of Prince of Peace.—1. Peace between man and God. 2. Between man and man. 3. Between nation and nation.

153. PRODIGAL SINNERS

I will arise and go to my Father.—Luke 15. 18.

I. Sinners Journey from God.—1. Selfishness. 2. Wickedness. 3. Disgrace. 4. Suffering.

II. Sinners Journey to God.—1. Conviction (came to himself). 2. Resolution (I will go). 3. Forsaking swine of sin. 4. Journey godward. 5. Confession.

III. Sinners Reception by the Lord.—1. God looks. 2. Meets. 3. Forgives. 4. Clothes. 5. Feasts. 6. Restores to heavenly family.

154. PROPHECY OF CHRIST

To him give all the prophets witness.—Acts 10. 43.

I. His Birth.—1. Line of David. 2. Place (Micah 5. 2). 3. Time, seventy weeks (Dan. 9. 26).

II. His Ministry.—1. Healer (Isa. 61. 1). 2. Preacher (Isa. 61. 1).

III. His Rejection.—1. At Nazareth (Luke 4. 28).

IV. His Betrayal.—1. Thirty pieces of silver. 2. Potter's field (Matt. 27. 9).

V. His Trial.—1. Scourging and smiting (Isa. 50. 6).

VI. His Death.—1. Numbered with transgressors. 2. Casting lots for garments (Isa. 53. 12; Psa. 22. 18).

VII. His Burial.—1. With the rich. 2. With wicked (Isa. 53. 9).

155. REASON AND RELIGION

Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord.—Isa. 1. 18.

I. Use of Reason in Religion.—1. In study of Word. 2. In approaching Deity. 3. In wisdom for work.

II. Abuse of Reason in Religion.—1. Exalting it above God's Word. 2. In making it our rule of action. Bible is only rule of faith. It surpasses reason, but does not contradict well-enlightened reason.

III. Reasonableness of Being Religious.—1. It is safest. 2. It could do no harm. 3. It promises untold good. 4. It makes life brighter and happier. 5. It brings eternal reward.

156. REDEMPTION

Ye are not your own, for ye are bought with a price.—1 Cor. 6. 19, 20.

I. Its Nature.—1. Literal redemption. 2. Spiritual redemption.

II. Its Price.—1. Christ's incarnation. 2. Christ's life. 3. Christ's death.

III. Its Obligations.—1. Willing service. 2. Complete service. 3. Constant service.

157. REJOICING IN CHRIST

I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day.—2 Tim. 1. 12.

I. Knowledge of Christ.—1. Historical. 2. Experimental.

II. Faith in Christ.—1. His teachings. 2. Miracles. 3. Promises. 4. Atonement.

III. Consecration to Christ.—1. Complete consecration. 2. Perpetual consecration.

IV. Safety in Christ.—Because of his interest. 2. His ability. 3. His joyful presence.

158. RELIGION A NECESSITY

But one thing is needful; and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her.—Luke 10. 42.

I. Religion a Necessity to Dethrone Sin.

II. Religion a Necessity to Supply Spiritual Wants.

III. Religion a Necessity to Earthly Happiness.

IV. Religion is Necessary to Man's Usefulness.

V. Religion is Necessary to Eternal Happiness.—Sinner could not be happy if in heaven.

159. RELIGIOUS BY CHOICE

Choose you this day whom ye will serve.—Josh. 24. 15.

I. Religion Is a Matter of Choice.—1. Pro-

vision is universal, but experience comes only by choice. 2. The invitation is to all, but destiny is a matter of choice. 3. To coerce would be to destroy human freedom.

II. Importance of Choosing To-day.—1. It is God's appointed time. 2. Delay strengthens the chains of sin. 3. Hardens the heart. 4. Lessens chances of salvation.

III. Excuses for Not Choosing To-day.—1. No feeling. 2. Want to make better. 3. Afraid of apostasy.

160. RESURRECTION

Now if Christ be preached that he rose from the dead, how say some among you that there is no resurrection of the dead?—1 Cor. 15. 12.

I. Evidence of Resurrection.—1. From prophecy of Scripture. 2. From resurrection of Christ. 3. Personal testimony of Christ, angels, apostles.

II. Nature of Resurrection.—1. Not release of a spiritual body. 2. Not development of a new body. 3. Is raising again the body that has fallen in death. 4. It is so modified as to be spiritual and immortal like unto Christ's resurrected body.

161. REVIVALS OF RELIGION

O Lord revive thy work.—Heb. 3. 2.

I. Objections to Revivals.—1. Should so live as to not need them. 2. Reaction harmful. 3. Too many apostasies.

II. Importance of Revivals.—1. All churches born in them. 2. Many not reached without them.

III. Means of Revivals.—1. Prayer. 2. Consecration. 3. Preaching. 4. Song. 5. Personal effort.

162. RESURRECTION OF CHRIST

Now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of them that slept.—1 Cor. 15. 20.

I. Evidence of Resurrection of Christ.—1. From his prophecy (Mark 8. 31). 2. Angels at tomb (Matt. 28. 5). 3. Mary Magdalene (Mark 16. 10). 4. Two disciples on road to Emmaus (Luke 24. 15). 5. Eleven in upper room (Luke 24. 36). 6. To all disciples in Galilee (Matt. 28. 16). 7. The open tomb.

II. Christ's Resurrection a Pledge and Pattern of All.—1. Identical body. 2. Spiritual. 3. Immortal. 4. Glorious.

163. RIVER OF SALVATION

There is a river, the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God.—Psa. 46. 4.

I. The Source of the River of Salvation.—1. It arises in Mount Zion (Ezek. 47. 1). 2. It is of divine origin (Ezek. 47. 2-8).

II. The Course of River of Salvation.—1. Desert of sin. 2. Valley of Repentance. 3. Mount Pardon (Isa. 55. 7). 4. Mount Devotion (Mark 4. 23). 5. Eden Heights. 6. Mount Pisgah. 7. Paradise Valley. 8. Celestial Heights.

164. SACRAMENT OF LORD'S SUPPER

This do in remembrance of me.—Luke 22. 19.

I. Its Nature.—1. Commemoration of Christ's death. 2. Not a change of elements. 3. No inherent value.

II. Its Subjects.—1. All Christians. 2. All seekers. 3. Feeling of unworthiness does not excuse. 4. None take to their condemnation if sincere.

III. Its Benefits.—1. It does not save sinners. 2. It honors Christ. 3. Strengthens Christians.

IV. Our Preparation.—1. Self-examination. 2. Confession. 3. Consecration. 4. Prayer.

165. SATAN

And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.—2 Cor. 11. 14.

I. Existence of Satan.—1. Argued from wickedness of men. 2. From teachings of Scripture; mentioned as Satan fifty times, and as Devil forty times.

II. Nature of Satan.—1. Not an evil principle. 2. Not personified evil. 3. A personal being. 4. A malignant spirit. 5. A fallen angel. 6. Cunning and crafty (see text). 7. Energetic and active. 8. Powerful, but not omnipotent.

166. SABBATH OBSERVANCE

Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy.—Exod. 20. 8.

I. Importance of Sabbath Observance.—Benefit: 1. Physically. 2. Mentally. 3. Socially. 4. Spiritually.

II. Manner of Sabbath Observance.—1. Abstain from physical and mental work, except that of necessity or mercy. 2. Abstain from worldly amusements, excursions, picnics, etc. 3. Observe as day of worship, benevolence, Scripture reading, etc.

167. SAFEGUARDING YOUTH

Is the young man Absalom safe?—2 Sam. 18. 29.

I. Obligation of Safeguarding Children.—1. Natural obligations: affection, pity, etc. 2. Legal

obligations: parents, relatives, neighbors, etc. 3. Religious obligations: parents, teachers, preachers.

II. Importance of Safeguarding Children.—

1. From evil associations. 2. Bad literature. 3. Sinful habits, as blasphemy, vulgarity, gambling, etc. 4. Evil appetites, as tobacco, alcoholic drinks, etc.

168. SALVATION RAILWAY

Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.—Isa. 40. 3.

I. The Roadbed.—1. High. 2. Level. 3. Straight; only air-line.

II. The Road.—1. Ties of divine promise. 2. Rails of Bible truth. 3. Single track. 4. No switches.

III. The Cars.—1. All passenger cars, no freights. 2. No palace cars. 3. No sleeping cars. 4. No dining cars.

IV. The Trains.—1. All excursion trains. 2. All through trains. 3. No inspection trains for higher critics. 4. No wreck trains.

V. Motive Power.—1. Electricity generated by Holy Spirit. 2. Always up grade, but never stalled.

169. SAMSON'S RIDDLE

Out of the eater came forth meat, and out of the strong came forth sweetness.—Judges 14. 14.

I. Blind Courtship Leads to Trouble.—1. Blindness seen in parental disobedience. 2. In running after a strange woman.

II. Satan, the Roaring Lion, Must Be Met.—1. Courage will be needed. 2. Divine help must be had. (See Samson.)

III. Honey Awaits Overcomers.—1. That of divine comfort. 2. It is plentiful. 3. Pass to others, as did Samson.

IV. Delilah of Sin Brings Loss of Strength.—1. Socially. 2. Financially. 3. Spiritually.

170. SEARCHING OF SCRIPTURE

Search the Scriptures, for in them ye think ye have eternal life, and they are they which testify of me.—John 5. 39.

I. Objections to Bible Study.—1. Not interesting. 2. Too mysterious. 3. Convict of sin. Ill., Mirror of Truth.

II. Reasons for Bible Study.—1. Divine command. 2. Its historical worth. 3. Its literary worth. 4. Only standard of right and wrong. 5. It is a safeguard against infidelity. 6. It convinces of sin. 7. It reveals the only Saviour. 8. It is a guidebook to heaven.

171. SECOND COMING OF CHRIST

This same Jesus which is taken up from you into heaven shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.—Acts 1. 11.

I. Evidence of Second Advent of Christ.—1. Angel prophecy. 2. Apostolic prophecy (1 Thess. 4. 16). 3. Christ's prophecy (John 14. 3).

II. Manner of Second Advent.—1. Clouds of heaven. 2. Great glory. 3. Resurrection body.

III. Purpose of Second Advent.—1. Raising dead. 2. Changing the living. 3. Judgment. 4. Escort to heaven.

IV. Time of Second Advent.—1. Time fixed (Acts 17. 31). 2. Hidden from men and angels.

172. SELF-EXAMINATION

Examine yourselves whether ye be in the faith. Prove your own selves.—2 Cor. 13. 5.

I. Its Nature.—1. As to religious experience. 2. Faith. 3. Devotion. 4. Usefulness. 5. Liberality.

II. Its Frequency.—1. Some when converted only. 2. Some New Year's. 3. Some Sabbath day. 4. Some daily.

III. Its Hindrances.—1. Spiritual blindness. 2. Worldly cares. 3. Self-flattery.

IV. Its Benefits.—1. By it avoid dangers. 2. By it realize dependence upon God. 3. By it made more useful.

173. SERPENT OF INTEMPERANCE

There came a viper out of the heat and fastened on his hand.—Acts 28. 3.

I. Its Nature.—1. A viper. 2. Spreading adder. 3. Blue racer. 4. Rattlesnake. 5. Copperhead. 6. Boa constrictor; all combined.

II. Why It Continues to Live.—1. Many think it harmless. Ill., Serpent in parlor. 2. Many think him a money-maker. Ill., Snake worship in India. 3. Many care not how many get bitten, so they escape. 4. Authorities give him legal protection.

III. How It Must Be Destroyed.—1. By will power. 2. Legal power. 3. Divine power.

174. SHUT DOOR

And the door was shut.—Matt. 25. 10.

I. What Door Will Be Shut.—1. Door of pardon. 2. Purity. 3. Privilege. 4. Paradise.

II. To Whom the Door Will Be Shut.—1. To all non-professors. 2. To all professors whose lamps are gone out.

III. Why the Door Will Be Shut.—1. Because of neglect to enter. 2. Because of willfully refusing to enter and despising the invitation.

IV. When the Door Will Be Shut.—1. Possibly to-day. 2. When the Spirit ceases to strive with sinners. 3. When the Bridegroom comes in death.

175. SIN

If we confess our sin, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.—1 John 1. 8, 9.

I. Confession of Sin.—1. Cease to hide sin. 2. Confess to public. 3. Forsake sin.

II. Forgiveness of Sin.—1. Its certainty. 2. Its completeness.

III. Cleansing from Sin.—1. By Holy Spirit. 2. Its completeness. 3. Its importance.

176. SIN AGAINST HOLY GHOST

But whosoever speaketh against the Holy Ghost, it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this world, neither in the world to come.—Matt. 12. 32.

I. Its Nature.—1. It does not consist of many great crimes. 2. It does not consist of long-continued sin. 3. It consists of attributing the work of the Holy Spirit to Satan. See Matt. 12. 24.

II. Fear of Having Sinned Against the Holy Ghost.—1. Satan makes men believe they are not great sinners. 2. When they are convicted of sin he makes them believe they have committed the unpardonable sin. 3. That cannot be unless they attribute the Spirit's work to Satan.

177. SINNERS' REPROOF

He that being often reprov'd hardeneth his neck, shall suddenly be destroyed and that without remedy.—Prov. 29. 1.

I. Sinners Reproved.—1. By God's Word. 2. God's Spirit. 3. God's ministers.

II. Sinners Hardened.—1. By rejecting gospel. 2. By indulgence in sin. 3. By despising God's Word.

III. Sinners Destroyed.—1. Suddenly. 2. Without remedy. 3. Eternally.

178. SOUL WINNING

He that winneth souls is wise.—Prov. 11. 30.

I. Manner of Soul Winning.—1. In humility. 2. By truth of Scripture. 3. By help of Holy Spirit. 4. By personal appeals to sinner.

II. Motive for Soul Winning.—1. Helpful to man. 2. Pleasing to God. 3. Promote own happiness. 4. Has heavenly reward.

III. Difficulties in Soul Winning.—1. Some think are too young. 2. Some too old. 3. Some too unworthy. 4. Some too illiterate. By divine help all may succeed.

179. SPIRITUAL BLINDNESS

One thing I know, that whereas I was blind, now I see.—John 9. 25.

I. Its Nature.—1. A shutting out of spiritual light. Ill., Cataract of sin.

II. Its Cause.—1. Hereditary, born blind. 2. By a life of sin. 3. Willfully blindfolded by sin.

III. Its Cure.—1. No self cures. 2. No human cures. 3. Christ alone can cure.

IV. Evidence of Cure.—1. Personal consciousness, "I know."

180. STAYING PREACHER'S HANDS

And Aaron and Hur stayed up his hands, the one on the one side, and the other on the other side.—Exod. 17. 12.

I. How to Stay Preacher's Hands.—1. By encouragement. 2. By support. 3. By prayer. 4. By attending services.

II. Why Some Do Not Stay Preacher's Hands.—1. He is too old. 2. Too homely. 3. Not friendly. 4. Don't visit. 5. Can't preach.

III. Importance of Staying Preacher's Hands.—1. To his success. 2. Victory over Amalekites of sin. 3. Strengthening and building up the church.

181. SLEEP OF SIN

Let us not sleep as do others, but let us watch and be sober.—1 Thess. 5. 6.

I. Nature of Sleep of Sin.—1. Suspended spiritual activity. 2. Unconscious spiritual condition. 3. A dreamy state.

II. Cause of Sleep of Sin.—1. Sleepy natures. 2. Spiritual inactivity. 3. Poisons of sin. Ill.

III. Duration of Sleep of Sin.—1. No natural awakening. 2. Spiritual light does not awake. 3. Call of friends often fails to awake. 4. Danger of eternal sleep.

182. SLEEPY HEARERS

And there sat in a window a certain young man named Eutychus, being fallen into a deep sleep.—Acts 20. 9.

I. Cause of Sleepy Hearers.—1. Physical infirmities. 2. Overwork. 3. Lack of interest. 4. Sleepy preachers.

II. Danger of Sleepy Hearers.—1. Their own

salvation is imperiled. 2. Their lifework is a failure. 3. They become the objects of ridicule. 4. They fall to eternal death.

183. SUNDAY SCHOOL

And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children.—Deut. 6. 7.

I. Origin of Sunday School.—1. Ludwig Hecker, in 1739. 2. Robert Raikes, in 1781.

II. Aim of Sunday School.—1. Teach Bible. 2. Develop character. 3. Lead to Christ.

III. Needs of Sunday School.—1. Good attendance. 2. Good officers. 3. Good teachers. 4. Good Bible helps. 5. Sociability. 6. Spirituality.

184. TELLING JESUS

And went and told Jesus.—Matt. 14. 12.

I. In Bereavement, Tell Jesus.—1. As did disciples. 2. Mary and Martha. 3. David in temple (2 Sam. 12. 15).

II. In Worldly Adversity, Tell Jesus.—1. He sympathizes. 2. He helps. Ill., Fisherman (John 11. 3).

III. In Trouble Over Sin, Tell Jesus.—1. He sympathizes. 2. He pardons. 3. He cleanses. 4. He keeps from sin.

IV. In Temptation, Tell Jesus.—He was tempted and can help.

V. In Difficult Church Work, Tell Jesus.—1. Parents. 2. Teachers. 3. Preachers.

185. TEMPTATION

Blessed is the man that endureth temptation.—James 1. 12.

I. Subjects of Temptation.—1. All God's people. None get above it. 2. All unsaved men.

They may not realize it because going Satan's way.

II. Manner of Temptation.—1. At weakest point. 2. When least expected. 3. Ignorant, to be superstitious. 4. Learned, to criticize. 5. Trustful, to presumption. 5. Unemotional, to formality. 6. Zealous, to fanaticism.

III. Power of Temptation.—1. Great. 2. Not all-powerful.

IV. Endurance of Temptation.—1. It strengthens faith. 2. Pleases God. 3. Brings reward.

186. TEMPTATION OF CHRIST

Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit unto the wilderness to be tempted of the devil.—Matt. 4. 1.

I. Its Purpose.—1. As a warning that all will be tempted. 2. As an example for resisting temptation.

II. Its Time.—1. In the beginning of life mission; so with all. 2. When weakest and least expected; so with all.

III. Its Nature.—1. To distrust. 2. To presumption. 3. To idolatry.

IV. Its Resistance.—1. It was not irresistible, and never is. 2. Resistance was not by argument or reason, but with the sword of the Spirit, the Word of God. 3. Resistance was followed by blessings. Angel visitation.

187. TRIAL OF FAITH

That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth.—1 Pet. 1. 7.

I. Methods of Trying Christian Faith.—1. Afflictions. 2. Adversity. 3. Bereavement. 4. Persecutions. 5. Temptations.

II. Importance of Trying Christian Faith.—

1. It gives Christian character greater strength than gold. 2. Greater durability than gold. 3. Greater beauty than gold. 4. Greater value than gold.

188. TRIUMPH OF CHRIST

Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.—Isa. 40. 3.

I. Its Preparation.—1. Make way high, straight, and level. 2. Bring low mountain of Ignorance, Prejudice, Skepticism, and Self-righteousness. 3. Exalt divine truth, blood of Christ, religious experience, etc.

II. Its Certainty.—1. Divine promise. 2. Past success. 3. Present Outlook.

189. TREE OF SALVATION

And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water.—Psa. 1. 3.

I. Its Origin.—1. It is of divine planting. 2. It is given every element of Christianity in the beginning. It awaits development.

II. Its Nature.—1. Roots of faith. 2. Body with system of blood circulation. 3. Leaves of Christian profession. 4. Blossoms of promise. 5. Fruits of righteousness.

III. Its Development.—1. Like all growth, it is mysterious. 2. Like all growth, it comes of the blood. (Precious blood of Christ.)

190. VISIBILITY OF CHRIST IN BELIEVERS

And they took knowledge of them that they had been with Jesus.—Acts 4. 13.

I. In Their Belief.—1. Apostles known by doctrines.

II. In Their Experience.—1. Peaceful. 2. Joyful.

III. In Their Devotion.—1. Prayers. 2. Public worship. 3. Christlike lives.

IV. In Their Christian Work.—1. Bold defense of Christianity. 2. Untiring efforts to save others. 3. Sacrifice for God's cause.

191. VOWS

I will pay my vows unto the Lord now in the presence of all his people.—Psa. 116. 14.

I. Prevalence of Vows.—1. Jacob at Bethel. 2. David and Jonathan. 3. New-Year vows. 4. Revival vows. 5. Marriage vows. 6. Church vows.

II. Payment of Vows.—1. If not paid, better never made. 2. Vows to seek God. 3. Vows to support God's cause. 4. Vows to attend the means of grace. 5. Vows to work for God.

192. WAGES OF SIN

The wages of sin is death.—Rom. 6. 23.

I. Sin Wages Are Physical Death.—1. In Eden. 2. In experience of all ages. Ill., Sinful passions, appetites, etc.

II. Sin Wages Are Spiritual Death.—1. Sin poisons. 2. Separates from Christ, the source of life.

III. Sin Wages Are Eternal Death.—Ill., Suicide.

IV. Why Men Choose Sin Wages of Death.—1. Because of sinful nature. 2. Because of deceitfulness of sin. 3. Because of an undervaluation of spiritual and eternal life.

193. WATCHFULNESS

And what I say unto you I say unto all, Watch.—Mark 13. 37.

I. Watch Self.—1. As to conduct. 2. Doubts. 3. Formality. 4. Neglect. 5. Passion. 6. Luke-warmness.

II. Watch Against the World.—1. Its cares. 2. Its allurements. 3. Its associations.

III. Watch Against the Tempter.—1. Never beyond his influences. 2. He attacks weakest point. 3. He tempts when least expected.

194. WALKING WITH JESUS

Did not our heart burn within us, while he talked with us by the way.—Luke 24. 32.

I. What It Is to Walk With Jesus.—1. Leaving ways of sin. 2. Getting in harmony with Christ. 3. Having fellowship with him. 4. Constant progress—no standing still.

II. Benefits of Walking With Jesus.—1. Sadness will be removed. 2. Hearts will burn with heavenly love. 3. Scriptures will be opened.

195. WELL OF SALVATION

But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst.—John 4. 14.

I. It Satisfies Spiritual Thirst.—1. For peace. 2. Purity. 3. Happiness. 4. Usefulness. 5. Eternal life.

II. It Is Inexhaustible.—1. None need go without it. 2. All can drink the fullness of salvation.

III. It Is Free to All.—"Ho! every one that thirsteth," etc. 1. None too poor, ignorant, or sinful.

196. WITNESS OF HOLY SPIRIT

God which knoweth the hearts, bear them witness, giving the Holy Ghost, even as he did unto us.—Acts 15. 8.

I. Its Necessity.—1. To happiness. 2. To usefulness. We could not work for salvation of others unless we knew we were saved.

II. Its Certainty.—1. Because of divine promise (Rom. 8. 16; John 14. 26). 2. Experience of early church; see text. Also Pentecost. 3. Experience of modern church—many witnesses, living and dead.

197. WITNESSING FOR CHRIST

Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord.—Isa. 43. 10.

I. Nature of Christian Testimony.—1. To forgiveness of sin. 2. To the joy of salvation. 3. The efficacy of prayer. 4. The sufficiency of divine grace.

II. Manner of Giving Testimony.—1. In all humility, giving God the glory. 2. With boldness, not fearing the world. 3. Constantly, not spasmodically.

III. Benefits of Christian Testimony.—1. It convinces sinners. 2. It edifies the church. 3. It glorifies God.

198. WONDERFUL CHRIST

His name shall be called Wonderful.—Isa. 9. 6.

I. Christ's Wonderful Incarnation.—1. Wealth for poverty. 2. Ease for toil. 3. Dignity for dishonor. 4. Praise for persecution. 5. Joy for suffering.

II. Christ's Wonderful Teachings.—1. Simplicity. 2. Wisdom. 3. Popularity.

III. Christ's Wonderful Miracles.—1. Their number. 2. Their scope.

IV. Christ's Wonderful Salvation.—1. From depths of sin. 2. To heights of purity.

199. WORKING FOR GOD

Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?—Acts 9. 6.

I. Duty of Working for God.—1. There is work for all. 2. There is work always.

II. Manner of Working for God.—1. In the spirit of humility. 2. With energy and push. 3. Relying upon divine guidance and support.

III. Kinds of Work for God.—1. Invitation. 2. Exhortation. 3. Information. 4. Edification.

IV. Compensation in God's Work.—1. Personal happiness. 2. Advancement in divine life. 3. Heavenly reward.

200. WORSHIPING GOD

O come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.—Psa. 95. 6.

I. Obligations of Worship.—1. Because of God's character: Divinity, omnipotence, omniscience, omnipresence, wisdom, and love. 2. Because of God's works: Our creation (text), preservation, redemption.

II. Places of Worship.—1. Secret. 2. Family. 3. Public.

III. Nature of Worship.—1. With humility (kneel). 2. With fervor. 3. With faith. 4. In name of Jesus.

